

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

JEREMY GALLANT
c/o Rittgers & Rittgers
12 E. Warren St.
Lebanon, OH 45036

Plaintiff,

v.

C.O. MATTHEW BILLINGSLEY
Toledo Correctional Institution
2001 E. Central Avenue
Toledo, OH 43608
*Individually and in his Official Capacity
as a corrections officer*

And

C.O. THOMAS HUGHEY
Toledo Correctional Institution
2001 E. Central Avenue
Toledo, OH 43608
*Individually and in his Official Capacity
as a corrections officer*

And

C.O. ROB CAIRL
Toledo Correctional Institution
2001 E. Central Avenue
Toledo, OH 43608
*Individually and in his Official Capacity
as a corrections officer*

Defendants.

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: COMPLAINT AND JURY DEMAND

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I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. This civil rights action challenges as excessive force and cruel and unusual punishment, the assault and battery of Plaintiff by Defendants while he was an inmate at Toledo Correctional Institution (“TOCI”) in London, Ohio. Plaintiff brings this action in order to secure fair

compensation for the injuries he sustained and to deter future incidents of unwarranted uses of force by Defendants and other prison guards within the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections.

II. JURISDICTION

2. Jurisdiction over claims arising from Defendants' violation of the Civil Rights Act is conferred upon this Court by 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1343 (3) and (4).

3. Venue is proper in this Division because the events giving rise to the action occurred at TOCI in Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio.

III. THE PARTIES

4. Plaintiff is an adult male who, at all times relevant to this Complaint, was an inmate at TOCI.

5. Defendants were at all times relevant to this action employed by TOCI as corrections officers. Defendants are "persons" under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and at all times relevant to this case acted under color of law. They are sued in both their individual and official capacities.

IV. FACTS

6. On or about June 15, 2021, Plaintiff was in his cell at TOCI when he was handcuffed and physically battered by Defendants.

7. During the battery, Plaintiff was thrown to the ground, while still handcuffed, and suffered a severe fracture of his right arm among other physical injuries.

8. There was no justification for the extent and duration of Defendants' use of force against Plaintiff.

9. Plaintiff timely grieved the use of force pursuant to the Prison Litigation Reform Act and the outcome was favorable to Plaintiff.

10. As a direct and proximate result of the conduct of Defendants, Plaintiff suffered significant personal injury, both temporary and permanent, and has endured pain and suffering.

SOLE CAUSE OF ACTION - EXCESSIVE FORCE (42 U.S.C. § 1983)

11. Plaintiff incorporates his previous allegations as if fully rewritten herein.

12. At all relevant times to this action, Defendants were acting under color of law as agents, servants, and employees of TOCI.

13. The use of force by Defendants on Plaintiff was unreasonable, excessive, and violated clearly established law.

14. As a result, Plaintiff was deprived of rights, privileges, and immunities secured to him by the U.S. Constitution, including but not limited to the right to be free of excessive force set forth in the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and the right to be free from cruel and unusual punishment set forth in the Eighth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully demands judgment against Defendants in excess of \$75,000, jointly and severally, for compensatory damages to be proved at trial, punitive damages because the actions of Defendants were malicious and intended to cause Plaintiff severe harm, reasonable attorney's fees, costs and all other relief to which he may be lawfully entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff demands trial by a jury on all issues so triable.

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